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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ISSUES DRAFT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR HANFORD SITE

WASHINGTON, DC - The Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking comments on three draft Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the competitive selections of mission support, plateau remediation, and tank operations contractors for the Hanford site.

Hanford is located along the Columbia River in southeastern Washington State, and is one of the largest sites in the DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM) complex of former weapons-production facilities. Hanford played a pivotal role in the nation's defense for more than 40 years, beginning with the Manhattan Project. EM is engaged in one of the world's largest environmental remediation projects at Hanford. The current focus is on the cleanup of legacy materials, facilities, and wastes left from the Hanford's defense mission.

DOE is issuing the draft RFPs to facilitate competition by providing potential offerors with the maximum opportunity to provide comments and make inquiries to DOE with respect to the draft RFPs and their requirements. The draft RFPs describe the criteria DOE will use in selecting contractors for this complex work at Hanford. As announced last year, these three contracts would replace the two current contracts, which have been extended for up to 24 months to allow for the competitive competition of the follow-on contracts.

The scope of the draft RFP's include the following:

- 1) Mission Support Contract, to be managed by the DOE Richland Operations Office, will cover cross-cutting services for the Hanford Site such as safety and security, infrastructure, information technology, and integrated life-cycle planning
- 2) Plateau Remediation Contract, to be managed by the DOE Richland Operations Office, will complete cleanup of the Plutonium Finishing Plant; perform non-tank farm waste disposal activities; monitor and remediate groundwater; and characterize, maintain, and/or remediate facilities and waste sites
- 3) Tank Operations Contract, to be managed by the DOE Office of River Protection, will manage base operations at the Hanford Tank Farms; retrieve waste from and close the single-shell tanks; support Hanford's Waste Treatment Plant, and close tank farm waste management areas.

The Department is committed to expeditious completion of the solicitation and award processes for the mission support, plateau remediation, and tank operations requirements, recognizing the need to be thorough and fair in its evaluation of all received proposals.

The draft RFPs are posted at <http://www.pr.doe.gov/>. In addition, a document library and other information regarding this procurement is available on the DOE-Hanford acquisition website.

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